

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
Richard John Hawes) Examiner: Ramya G. Prakasam
SERIAL NO.: 10/541,802)
FILED: September 19, 2005) Customer Number: 23644
FOR: Improved Pick and Place Gripper)
) Art Unit: 3651
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) Confirmation Number: 4240
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 17, 2009

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

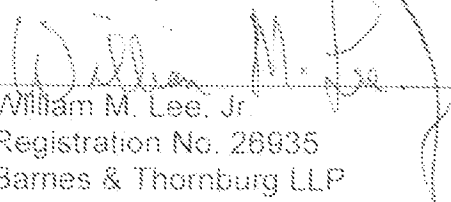
In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of species dated July 17, 2009, the applicant has the following election.

The applicant elects Group A and particularly Specie A2, drawn to Figure 4. As the Examiner has noted, claim 91 is generic, and it is believed that claims 92, 97, 99, 100, 102, 113, 115, 117-120 and 122-127 are readable thereon.

Further action by the Examiner is now awaited.

August 7, 2009

Respectfully submitted,


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